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Have declared war to demoralize all competition. Japan is firing on Russia torpedo shells, and Waronker Bros. are firing with low CUT PRICES on all competition.

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Men and Boys' Clothing made to order and we guarantee to fit or refund you the money. Just received one car load of Pottery and will start same at a sweep. Notice: We have a small lot of Winter Goods on hand which we sacrifice at any price.

Lutesville, Mo.

Announcements.

For Judge of the Circuit Court.

HON. ROBERT A. ANTHONY, the present incumbent, authorizes us to announce his candidacy for Judge of the Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the democracy.

HON. JERRY B. BURKS, authorizes us to announce his candidacy for Judge of the Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the democracy.

HON. E. W. MAJOR of Bowling Green is getting quite a share of "favorable mention" from the newspapers that come to our table. Senator Major is a candidate for attorney general. He has been an active, working democrat a number of years, and, judging from the kind of record he made in the state senate, he would make an excellent attorney general.

HON. A. M. WOODSON of St. Joseph is again a candidate for the nomination, by the next State Democratic convention, for judge of the Supreme court. Judge Woodson has attained an enviable reputation as a jurist, and we know of no man in the state who would more ably fill the position to which he aspires, or who is better entitled to honors at the hands of the democratic party.

It looks very much now, like the democrats in our county will decide on having a primary election, and if they should do so, we suggest that it be held on the date of the congressional and judicial primary, May 21, and that delegates be elected at the same time to attend the various state and court of appeals conventions. This would be as fair as any method that might be devised, for all would have a voice in the election of the delegates as well as in the nomination of candidates. It would be the most economical way, too, for only one day would be required. When several days are required for political meetings in the busy season, farmers take little interest in them and frequently the attendance is small. We are not much in favor of primary elections, but if the party wants, and decides to have it, why not make it serve all the purposes?

Local Option.

"The saloon disappears and the blind tiger appears," was the subject of a paper published by the liquor dealers of Stoddard county in the recent local option election there. This paper, unsigned, for no man came to put his name to a paper indorsing so infamous a business as that of the saloon, was scattered broadcast over that entire county and the argument was made everywhere that when the saloon was forced out of business we would have "blind tigers" on every corner and at every crossroads. This argument our voters of this county are hearing. It is my purpose to show that this is not so; was not so in Stoddard county and will not be true in this county if we use the same methods of dealing with "blind tigers" that they use in Dunklin and Stoddard, viz: Good lively prosecution.

Who makes the assertion that the saloon and the blind tiger are on a turning-board and when one turns in the

other turns out? Begin a quiet investigation of this question. You will find that, in a majority of cases, the fellow who claims that the saloon keeps down blind tigers is the saloon man himself. I mean by the saloon man, a fellow who patronizes the saloon or the one who takes a drink and "thinks there is no harm in it." The saloon keeper shows his hatred of blind tigers during elections of this kind, only. I hate them all the time. Ask a saloon keeper to suggest some method of destroying the blind tigers in a community and he will suggest him a dramsop license. Isn't there something wonderful about this? He would have you license him to violate the law in order to drive out the fellow who is breaking the law without a license. Let me suggest how to rid a community of a blind tiger. My plan is to prosecute him as you would any criminal, for a man who sells liquor illegally is a criminal be he a blind tiger man, a saloon keeper, or a dealer of any kind. It is not necessary to grant one man a license to do wrong in order to prevent another from doing wrong. Following up this argument we find we ought to grant license to prevent crime altogether. For instance, we might grant men a license to steal occasionally from those who are able to stand the loss and thereby get rid of burglars and highwaymen. But we don't do that. We prosecute. Some one says licensing the fellow to sell liquor would prevent robbery, etc. I don't claim it would. A man with any sense knows better. But I would be as safe in making this argument as the fellow who "wants saloons to drive out blind tigers." Nobody but saloon people claim this for a saloon, and only because he hopes to make unsuspecting voters believe, it is true so they will vote him a licer.

Let me make a comparison. Dexter, Stoddard county, for the past five years has had two and three saloons running all the time and during that time one old druggist there sold liquor all the time. For the past five years Marble Hill has had no saloons and one old druggist there has sold liquor all the time. In Dexter the saloons guaranteed the protection of the liquor and in Marble Hill the prosecuting attorney has been a regular customer, and when forced to prosecute him, the judge and jury would be so light in assessing penalties that fines were cheaper than license. But I am glad to say that things have changed. In Dexter the saloons have been swept away and the old man has been left without protection and in Marble Hill it seems to be pretty uncomfortable for the old man. The law hasn't been changed so the saloon must be facts. Vote saloons out of our county and give blind tiger men good heavy fines and occasionally a six months term in jail, for a change, and the liquor business would disappear from the face of the earth.

But, granting that the saloon is the only remedy for a blind tiger, and that we are forced to have one or the other, is not the tiger as good as the saloon? Is not the influence of the saloon upon a community as bad as that of the "tiger"? I claim that the influence of the saloon is more dangerous than the "tiger," but will grant that they are the same in extent. Why then is one preferable to the other? Why, for revenue of course, would the saloon gang. Why, without our revenue the county couldn't have good roads and bridges and could not build jails, etc. This statement of the opposition is a lie. Liquor drinking doesn't make roads nor build bridges and if those who drink it and therefore make the above argument, would spend more time in working roads and less in raising hell around saloons we would have better roads and have less need for jails and calaboses. Stoddard county has no better roads than Bollinger and has maintained more than a dozen of these "good roads" institutions for years. The same county has not as good a courthouse nor jail as has Bollinger, and if they

wanted for saloons to build these buildings, they never would have them. When people want these public works executed they go down in their pockets and pay for them. Granting that the revenue derived from saloons would be sufficient to make roads, is it not a fact that the people are paying for them anyway? Where does the revenue placed on the roads come from? From the pockets of those who drink the liquor and in many cases from those who can ill afford to spend money on roads or for anything except the necessities of life for their families. Building roads by the saloon method is actually building them by taking clothes from the backs, shoes from the feet and even bread from the mouths of many children who live in the community that does this business, and the curses of these helpless children should rest upon those who advocate this business.

In my judgment, a saloon is more dangerous to a community than a blind tiger. My reason for making this assertion is, that the saloon offers greater temptation to drink and sells liquor to more people. Saloon keepers hang out great catch signs and make their places of business very attractive in order to catch the "wayfaring man. Blind tiger men do none of these. There are only two classes of men the tiger man will sell to: traveling men and frequently men who when called before the prosecuting attorney to testify as to whether they bought liquor from Mr. so and so, say they don't know if it was liquor or what it was; fellows who get drunk and don't know if they bought liquor or not. These are perjury and these are the customers of the blind tiger and in selling to these fellows the blind tiger man violates the law. But the saloon keeper is not restricted to these fellows. He sells to all. His license gives him the privilege of doing business with whomsoever he can. He sells to old and middle aged; to the strong and weak and violates no law but he sells to habitual drinkers and boys and does violate the law. Blind tigers do not offer the inducements to drink that the saloon does. Giving a man the right to sell liquor seems to fix in boys' minds the idea that the business is equal to other business and he sees no reason why he should not as well step into the saloon as into a store. Boys know nothing of blind tigers likely until they become almost grown but they can't remember when they learned the first lesson of the saloon.

Saloons don't pay the county that creates them; the man who runs them pays for the men who patronize them.

I take the position that, it costs more to prosecute criminals, made by the saloon, than the revenue amounts to and therefore hold that it doesn't pay the county. Judge J. L. Fort of the 22nd judicial district stated, after having examined the records in his district, that 81 percent of the crime committed in that district was caused directly or indirectly by the liquor traffic. He further states that during one year the saloons of Stoddard county paid into the treasury \$12,000 revenue and that during the same year the criminal prosecutions cost the county in the neighborhood of \$24,000. If his first statement is correct we see that the saloons of Stoddard county cost the taxpayers about \$8,000 or \$9,000 more than they paid. Does this pay a county?

Does the liquor traffic pay the saloon keeper? No, selling liquor places a man in a position inferior to that of his friends who engage in more legitimate business. Socially, he ostracizes himself and family for "it is a fact that good people don't associate with saloon keepers nor their families." Furthermore, it deprives him of manly privileges which his fellow-men enjoy. No church of protestant faith will allow its members to engage in the business and no saloon keeper can become an Odd Fellow or a Mason.

Therefore, I say it doesn't pay him who engages in the business.

The loss to him who drinks is most serious. A large majority of drinkers are those who can not afford to spend money in this way without depriving their families of the necessities of life. Hundreds of men spend their last dime in a saloon and buy meat and bread on credit, or buy none at all. Dozens spend their time and money in some doggery while their wives wash and scrub to keep the wolf from the door. I am personally acquainted with a teacher who drank up his home and finally pawned his wife's watch for funds to satisfy his hellish desire for liquor. I frequently wonder if the patrons of the saloon ever notice how extravagantly the families of saloon keepers dress. The fellow who drinks liquor ought to realize that his dimes and those of his fellows, which should have been spent in putting calico dresses on the backs of his children, have gone to put silk upon the backs of the saloon keepers' children. Every dime a man spends in a saloon, for which he gets no benefit, would buy a good magazine and the price of a pint of liquor would place upon the shelves of his library a good book.

Voters of Bollinger county, God has given you talents. Develop those talents for your own good. He has given you children; quit drinking this infernal liquor and put your money in books and magazines and music for your children and there will be less hell and more harmony in Bollinger county.

Vote for local option because it is right. You owe this vote to yourself; your God and your wives and children. Let your wife or little girl, and if you are not married, your sweetheart, advise you and you will vote right.

Most respectfully,
JOHN F. WINTERS,
Lafin, Mo.

Our Correspondents.

College Notes.

Twenty five additions this week brings our enrollment to 92.

We are not prepared to take children below the fourth reader class this week. The 14th of March we shall be ready to accommodate such if a sufficient number make application to warrant opening another room.

Ora Hahn, Leo Hahn, and Bertha Limbaugh are still absent on account of sickness.

Our large attendance necessitates the purchase of new seats. Money has been nearly raised for this purpose, and the purchase will be made within a few days. F. J. H.

Huskey.

The mad is fast disappearing and the roads are becoming passable again.

Health is good in this vicinity. Miss Anna Slinkard came home Thursday on a visit to relatives and friends here. She will return to the city in a few days.

Frank Shanks moved into the house, recently vacated by Doc Welch, last week.

Our school closed February 26. The closing exercises consisted of spelling in the forenoon and recitations and dialogs in the afternoon after which Prof. W. A. Davault delivered an excellent address. Our teacher, Prof. Hunziker, conducted the exercises in a most able manner. The patrons showed their appreciation by taking well filled baskets from which a bountiful dinner was spread, and the large crowd invited to partake thereof. Prof. Hunziker is an up-to-date teacher and taught us a good school.

Miss May Huskey visited relatives in Lutesville Saturday. Mrs. Amanda Slinkard will sell her personal property Saturday and go to St. Louis Sunday, where she expects to reside in the future. Mrs. B. H. Ramsey has been sick, but is able to be out again. Miss Nellie Huskey visited Miss Anna Slinkard Sunday. JAKE.

Cane Creek.

Bad Young and Geo. Eaker are cutting bolts on the Wes Bess tract of timber.

John Baker is hauling logs to Holzman's mill.

Earl Brewer is getting up his summer's wood.

Some of our farmers are hauling bolts and some are getting ready to sow oats.

No postoffice near here and we have no convenient way of getting our mail, especially while the roads are so bad.

The friends of temperance in this county are not political prohibitionists as some would have us believe.

I notice in the columns of the Banner that a Mr. "Gaston" undertakes to defend King Alcohol, and I would like to remind him that his cry has been heard before.

You say you are a republican. Did it ever occur to you that the republican party has always stood against the vile stuff called alcohol? Republican voters make Maine a prohibition state, and the same is true of Iowa and Kansas. Read page 430, Brown & Strauss Dictionary of American Politics.

Now Mr. Huxie, you try to get politics mixed up in this local option election! That won't do! It is not a political question and there is no excuse or reason for getting politics in it. The victories that have been won for prohibition have been won by the friends of temperance in all parties. These facts are well known. This is an election separate from political questions or principles and is a question to be voted on and settled by the people on its own merits. The enormous evils of intemperance have aroused the attention of the public, and it is proposed to apply the best remedy at hand.

The reason we scribe writes to THE MARBLE HILL PRESS is because it is generally read here, and I am well acquainted with its editor and find him to be a clever gentleman and like to read THE PRESS.

A REPUBLICAN.

Muddy Creek.

Health is good in this locality. Plenty of mud.

Amaziah Cook of near here closed a successful term of school in the James district last Friday.

Miss Katie Cook of Dunklin county is visiting relatives near here.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Masters, February 22, a big boy. Mr. Masters only touches the high ground.

John Masters is still on the puny list.

Several of our young people attended the closing of the school at Scopus February 20, and reported a good time. The entertainment was very interesting, and the music was excellent. Prof. W. A. Davault delivered an excellent address at the conclusion of the exercises.

Miss Lillie Limbaugh will close a satisfactory term of school in this district next Thursday. It is not often that a teacher can give satisfaction in the home district.

Mrs. Annie Nicodemus of St. Louis is visiting her mother, Mrs. Frances Linbarger, here.

If this appears in print I will come again. LOST ANGEL.

Scopus.

Mrs. D. D. Killian is quite sick at present.

Houston Robinson of Lafin was in this vicinity Sunday.

Messrs. Frank Chostner and S. E. Dewhitt were down near White-water on business Monday.

Riley Hahn closed a successful term of school near here on last Friday. Quite a number of visitors were present.

Died—February 25, a few miles east of this place, William Houck, of pneumonia.

Misses Dora and Cora Chostner went to Marble Hill Saturday, to enter W. M. College.

Quite a number of the youngsters of this vicinity attended the exhibition given at the Hartle school Friday night. An enjoyable time is reported.

Frank Seabaugh closed a successful term of school in the Bollinger district Thursday.

Rev. C. J. Limbaugh preached at Nichols chapel Saturday and Sunday.

James Banks made a business trip to Glen Allen Monday.

Alonzo Limbaugh of near Mayfield was in this vicinity, in quest of a carpenter. He contemplates putting up a store at the stove factory near Mayfield.

Rev. John Stone preached to a large congregation at the Hog Creek schoolhouse Sunday.

Fred Jones left here Sunday for Cape county, where he intends to work this summer.

I notice in the Lutesville Banner a communication from "Gaston" of Huxie, in which he seems to wish to bring politics into the election to be held on March 19. He also intimates that a republican who is true to his party would not write THE PRESS.

Now Mr. "Gaston," I am a republican just as far as decency and good common sense will allow, but will say right here that if I have to be a slobber singing drunkard to be a republican, I can't be with you. But if Mr. "Gaston" will read the republican platform a little I think he will find the whiskey plank is conspicuously absent.

As for writing to the papers, I write to THE PRESS, and at the same time I respect the Banner; but there are few republicans in German township and the items written would go to other parts of the county in place of coming to our community. I recognize the editor of THE PRESS as a first-class gentleman, and he edits a nice clean sheet that I enjoy reading as

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—ON—

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We want to close out the remainder of our stock of Men's Suits, Overcoats and heavy Pants, heavy Underwear; Ladies' Jackets and Winter Hats.

Men's \$13 & \$14 Suits for	\$9.50	\$1.25 & 1.50 Fine All Wool Underwear for	.95
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" 9 & 10 " "	7.00	\$4.75 Hats for	\$3.00
" 7 & 8 " "	5.00	4.00 " "	2.50
" 5.50 & 6.50 " "	4.00	3.25 & 3.50 Hats for	2.00
" \$10.00 & \$11.00 Overcoats	\$7.00	2.25 " 2.50 " "	1.50
" 9.00 " "	6.00	1.75 " 2.00 " "	1.00
" 6.50 " "	4.50		
Heavy \$3 and \$3.50 Pants	\$2.25		
" 2.25 & 2.50 " "	1.50		
" 1.50 Knit Coats	.98		

The prices quoted in first columns are our regular selling prices, all marked in plain figures and every article is well worth the money and as cheap as you will find elsewhere, but we must close them out, and in order to do so quickly, have made the prices as above stated.

Your money back on any article with which you may not be satisfied. Come and see us for anything you want in General Merchandise of any kind. We want your poultry and eggs, feathers, furs, hides, etc. RESPECTFULLY.

Taylor Mercantile Co., Marble Hill, Mo.

"Gaston you will find I am a republican from principle and not for name. ALPHONSO.

Voice From Dunklin.

Kennett, Mo., Feb. 26, 1904.

MARBLE HILL PRESS. Gentlemen:—Enclosed find P. O. order for \$2.00. I don't know how much I owe you on subscription, but give me credit for this amount and write me when you want more. Can't do without THE PRESS.

Allow me to say a word for local option, as I see you are to vote on that proposition soon. Dunklin county, my present home, has adopted local option and it has been a grand success here. Men who have owed doctor bills for years and could not pay for want of funds have come up and settled same, and now any doctor will not hesitate to do their practice. Crime has been cut down and peace and happiness reign in many homes where strife and sin formerly prevailed. Money is more plentiful and business is better.

Every advantage to the county claimed by the advocates of local option has been secured, and peace and happiness reign all over the county. Local option pays in every phase and when once established will never be regretted except by those interested in the sale of liquor and a few of their best customers.

Work for it, vote for it, and adopt it and you will never regret it. Yours truly,

THOS. J. RIGDON, M. D.

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Some Philadelphians visited Richmond, and, asking as to the use of this and that large building, were told in every case that it was a tobacco factory. An aged negro gave them the information, and they, tiring of the monotony of the reply, pointed to a white frame building on a hill, and asked whose tobacco factory that was. The old fellow replied: "Dat, sah, am no factory. Dat am St. John's Episcopal church, where Marse Patrick Henry done get up an' ax de Lawd to gib him liberty or gib him deaf." "Well, uncle," asked one of the trio, "wh ch

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to me you must be strangers herabouts," he answered, "else you'd know dat in due time de Lawd gave Marse Henry bofe."—EX.

Notice of Application for Discharge. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned assignee of the estate of J. D. Williams, will on Monday, the 15th day of March, 1904, apply to the Circuit Court of Bollinger county, Missouri, for a discharge.